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Training Offered to Help Pandemic-Impacted Workers

While Ohio businesses have re-opened since the initial shutdown last spring, the slow return to normal operations due to the continuing pandemic has resulted in a prolonged delay for many employees to either return to work or reach previous hours and pay. Meanwhile, there are customer service jobs with flexible hours now available due to a shortage of personal care aides (PCAs) serving older adults in home and community-based programs.

The Area Agency on Agency has begun a win-win program (**#OHIOSTRONGPCATRaining**) to train workers displaced by the pandemic for new jobs caring for older adults and Ohioans living with disabilities who reside independently in their homes. Jobs involve assisting in-home care clients with homemaking, errands, bathing/dressing/grooming, and one-on-one interaction. The Ohio Department of Aging has funded this program to ensure long-term care services to those in need both during and after the pandemic. The program funds Certified Nurse Aide training, given by local licensed providers, for pandemic-impacted workers. This special training can be completed in a few weeks. Once training is successfully completed, program participants can be introduced to provider agencies in our area through a virtual job fair.

Apply for the Program

Are you are a worker who has lost your job or need to pick up hours to cover lost wages because of the pandemic? Do you live in a county within the Area Agency on Aging's nine-county service area -- Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, or Shelby County? Are you ready to work with older adults to enable them to stay in their homes? If you answered yes to these three questions, please get more information at <https://info4seniors.org/workforce-shortage-initiative/>, complete the [program application](#), and send it to Kathy Stevens at kstevens@info4seniors.org. If you have specific questions, contact Kathy at kstevens@info4seniors.org or 937-341-3099.